

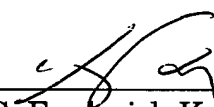
REMARKS

Claims 1-18 have been provisionally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over related pending application 09/904,020. However, this case is the first upon which an official action has issued. Accordingly, allowance and issuance of this application is requested and the issue of double patenting will be addressed in the related cases based on the issuance of this case.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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